in the judicial line will be adequately considered and are considered also as vacancies occur; if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to say why the claims of the Bar, if any, were ignored?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) (a) Yes.

(b) None so competent as Mr. Antony could be found for the place.

(2) (a) and (b) Yes.

(c) The Government considered that there was no sufficient ground to delay the appointment.

(3) (a) Yes.

(b) There was no occasion to make an enquiry into the matter.

(4) The Government considered that he would worthily fill the place of the Secretary to the Diwan.

(5) The claims of the Bar have not been ignored.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Is this the way in which the Government is watching the performances of the officers appointed by them?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—There was nothing against him. Government did not inquire.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—What is the opinion of the public? They are only concerned with the opinion of the officers who are to look after their work, that is, the Chief Court.

President.—Is there anything wrong in the performances of the Government?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Before re-appointing him, was not the effect of this performance of the previous occasion ascertained?

President.—Your point is, he should have been appointed as District Judge.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I have no complaint whether he is appointed one way or the other. If a man is appointed in a particular place and he has given satisfaction before, why should he be taken away from that place?

President.—He was wanted for the Secretary's place.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon's appointment as Secretary.

639. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform the Council:—

(1) what was the urgent necessity of transplanting Mr. Kandar Menon as Secretary to the Diwan and the present Secretary, Mr. Vengu Ayyar, as Devaswam Commissioner;

(2) (a) is it a fact that Mr. K. Kochunni Menon, the acting Devaswam Commissioner, now appointed as Registration Superintendent, is to retire on the 25th Kumbham;

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(b) if so, what was the special urgency in disturbing Messrs. Kandar Menon, Vengu Ayyar and Kochunni Menon at present;

(3) (a) what is the minimum pay of the Secretary to the Diwan;

(b) what was the special reason for appointing one on Rs. 550;

(c) are there no men in any of the Executive Departments or in the Secretariat competent to hold the post of Secretary to the Diwan even in an acting arrangement on its minimum pay;

(4) on what pay was Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar first drafted on to the Secretariat and on what pay was he appointed as Diwan Peishkar;

(5) is the permanent Second grade District and Sessions Judge doing duty as Sarvadhikariakar now appointed to act as First grade District and Sessions Judge allowed any personal or deputation allowance; if so, what is that amount?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) An immediate change was considered necessary.

(2) (a) Yes.

(b) Vide answer to question (1) above.

(3) (a) Rs. 300.

(b) The Government considered it necessary and proper to give the maximum pay.

(c) None so competent as Mr. Kandar Menon.

(4) Rs. 45 and Rs. 450 respectively.

(5) Yes; Rs. 200.

640. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the Council whether the tax-payer has not to bear an additional burden of Rs. 1,275 per mensem or Rs. 15,300 annually as shown below on account of the acting appointments notified in the Gazette of 13—6—1104 (vide part I, page 200); if that is not the correct amount, will the Government be pleased to state what the amount is?

Diwan Peishkar's pay.

	Rs.
Initial pay	350
Pay allowed now	850
Difference	500

Excise Superintendent.

Initial pay	425
Pay allowed now	750
Difference	325

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